

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: April 3, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1675 - HB 1678**

This bill, if enacted, will establish the Tennessee Victims Organization Fund and authorize an additional \$2.00 litigation tax on all criminal warrants. Funds collected from this tax will be deposited to the Victims Organization Fund.

These funds will not revert to the general fund. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to enter into contract with the Tennessee Victims Rights Coalition or other qualified group to use these funds to aid victims of crime through education advocacy, counseling and other services.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in earmarked state revenues of \$725,463 and an increase in local revenue of \$133,073 for court clerks' commissions. This estimate is based upon 429,268 criminal cases paying an additional \$2.00 litigation tax.

Enactment of this bill is also estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures of \$725,463 to the Victims Rights Coalition or other qualified group for victims services.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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